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SUBJECT: SITREP ON UK AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL STRIKE NO. 12

REF: 14726

1. TRAFFIC IN UK AIRSPACE AND AT AIRPORTS HAS REMAINED
AT A STABLE LEVEL FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS. THE OVERALL
NUMBERS BEING HANDLED ARE IN EXCESS OF 70 PERCENT OF

NORMAL DEMAND. WHAT DELAYS ARE BEING ENCOUNTERED ARE USUALLY THE RESULT OF THE IMPACT WHICH FRENCH, AND MORE ESPECIALLY THE SPANISH, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' SLOW DOWN ARE HAVING ON SHORT TURN AROUND FLIGHTS. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE UK AIR TRAFFIC PICTURE ARE FORESEEN.

2. A MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON SEPTEMBER 14 BETWEEN GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND SENIOR CAA OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO THE UNION. THE GENERAL VIEW IS THAT WITH THE FAVORABLE VOTE ON GOVERNMENT WAGE RESTRAINT POLICY EVIDENCED AT THE TUC CONFERENCE THIS PAST WEEK, THE GOVERNMENT CAN NOW MAKE AN OFFER OF PAY ADJUSTMENT TO THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER ASSISTANTS (ATCAS) UNION IN ORDER TO START THE NEGOTIATION DIALOGUE. THE ATCA'S ARE LOSING NEGOTIATING STRENGTH THE LONGER THE STRIKE GOES ON BECAUSE AFTER THE END OF SEPTEMBER, TRAFFIC DEMAND DROPS UNTIL THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD. OBSERVERS SAY THAT THE WORST EFFECTS HAVE BEEN FELT AND NEUTRALIZED SO THERE IS A FAIR PROSPECT OF SETTLEMENT BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

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